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C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 2308

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR IT VN US VT

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT THIEU TO VISIT ROME AND VATICAN

1. ON MARCH 23 RESPONSIBLE ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL INFORMED US THAT SOUTH VIETNAMESE PRESIDENT THIEU WOULD PAY ONE DAY VISIT TO ROME AND VATICAN APRIL 9. OFFICIAL SAID THIEU WOULD COME HERE DIRECTLY FROM US AND THAT THIS WOULD BE HIS ONLY STOP ON HIS RETURN TRIP TO SAIGON.
 2. ACCORDING SOURCE, PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THIEU VISIT IS AUDIENCE WITH POPE PAUL, BUT ITALIAN PROTOCOLARY PRACTICE REQUIRES THAT HE ALSO PAY COURTESY CALL ON ITALIAN PRESIDENT LEONE, AND THIS HAS BEEN ARRANGED PRIOR TO HIS AUDIENCE WITH POPE. OFFICIAL SAID THIEU WILL ARRIVE ON MORNING OF APRIL 9 AND DEPART SAME AFTERNOON, AND NO OTHER CALLS ON ITALIAN OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED.
 3. WE REMARKED THAT PRESIDENT THIEU SEEMED TO BE GETTING SHORT SHRIFT FROM GOI WHICH HAD DANCED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION IN RECENT WEEKS ON SUCH DRV LUMINARIES AS XUAN THUY. OFFICIAL RESPONDED THAT BRIEF STOP IN ROME AND COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT LEONE WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GVN REQUEST, AND HE REITERATED THAT THIEU'S MAIN MISSION HERE IS TO SEE POPE. OFFICIAL REMARKED THAT FOR PRACTICAL REASONS OF SECURITY, GOI IS RELIEVED BY BRIEFNESS OF THIEU VISIT.
 4. VATICAN HAS CONFIRMED THAT AUDIENCE FOR PRESIDENT THIEU WITH
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E. O. 11652: XGDS-3

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SUBJECT: CAMPAIGN AGAINST TERRORISM

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1. TO BEGIN WITH, WE FEEL REEXAMINATION IS NEEDED OF WHAT APPEARS
TO BE PREMISE THAT TERRORIST ACTIVITIES ARE SO EVIL IN THEMSELVES
THAT THEY CANNOT BE JUSTIFIED BY ANY CAUSE IN WHICH THEY MIGHT BE
EMPLOYED: THAT, MOREOVER, BECAUSE THEY ARE SO, THEY DO NOT

FURTHER CAUSE IN WHICH THEY ARE EMPLOYED, BUT ARE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE; AND THAT, MOST IMPORTANTLY, THESE FACTS ARE SELF-EVIDENT TO ON THOSE WHO MADE THE TERRORISM " NECESSARY." TERROR IN NORTHERN IRELAND IS NOT LACKING FOR SUPPORTERS IN EIRE. WE SEE IN TODAY' S PAPER THAT A CATHOLIC BISHOP IN SPAIN IN SHIELDING HIS PRIESTS FROM PROSECUTION FOR SERMONS ON BEHALF OF BASQUE TERRORISTS. AND SO ON.

4. AS FAR AS WE CAN SEE, THEREFORE, MUCH OF THE REST OF THE WORLD, AND CERTAINLY MOST OF THE ARAB NATIONS, DO NOT LOOK UPON THE KHARTOUM TERROR, ANY MORE THAN ON THE LOD OR MUNICH MASSACRES, AS EVENTS SO EVIL THAT THEY MUST BE CONDEMNED AND PREVENTED REGARDLESS OF ONE' S FEELINGS TOWARDS THE CAUSE IN WHICH
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